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Title: System and Method for Interconnecting ATM Systems Over an Intermediate ATM Network Using Switch Virtual Connections

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2003, in the above-referenced application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on January 13, 1999 with claims 1-16. New claim 17 was added in an Amendment filed by Applicant on July 25, 2002. Claims 1-17 are therefore pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected each of claims 1, 2 and 9-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,483,912 (hereinafter “Kalmanek”), and allowed claims 3-8.

In this response, Applicant traverses the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections, and respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.